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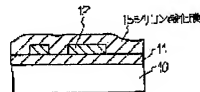
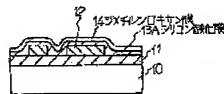
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## (54) MANUFACTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

## (57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To form a silicon oxide film having a smooth surface and a minute film quality.

CONSTITUTION: On the surface of a semiconductor substrate 10 whereon a metallic wiring 12 is formed, a dimethylsiloxane film 13 is formed. Thereafter, this process and the process wherein the surface of the semiconductor substrate 10 is exposed to an oxidizing plasma are repeated alternately in a single equipment, and thereby, a silicon oxide film 15 is formed on the surface of the semiconductor substrate 10. Hereupon, the excitation frequency of the oxidizing plasma is forced to include the frequency components not higher than 1MHz, and thereby, the silicon oxide film 15 is made to have a compact film quality.



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CLAIMS

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## [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1]. Are characterized by comprising the following. A manufacturing method of a semiconductor device including a process of repeating by turns a process of exposing to a process and oxidizing plasma which form a silicone series film in the whole surface with a CVD method, and changing a silicone series film into silicon oxide, within the same device, and forming silicon oxide of regular thickness.

A process of forming wiring on a semiconductor substrate.

This wiring.

[Claim 2]A manufacturing method of the semiconductor device according to claim 1 with which excitation frequency of said oxidizing plasma contains an ingredient of 1 MHz or less.

[Claim 3]A manufacturing method of the semiconductor device according to claim 1 which forms a silicone series film by decompression-ization containing at least one and a steam of halogenation organicity Silang, halogenation organic siloxane, or organic siloxane.

[Claim 4]A manufacturing method of the semiconductor device according to claim 1 which forms a silicone series film under a plasma atmosphere of gas containing organic siloxane and a steam.

[Claim 5]A manufacturing method of the semiconductor device according to claim 1 which forms a silicone series film under a plasma atmosphere of gas containing organic siloxane and oxygen.

[Claim 6]A manufacturing method of the semiconductor device according to claim 1 which exposes said semiconductor substrate to a plasma atmosphere of gas which contains nitrogen within the same device in advance of a process of forming said silicone series film.

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[Means for Solving the Problem]A manufacturing method of a semiconductor device of this invention is provided with a process of repeating by turns a process of forming wiring on a semiconductor substrate, and a process of forming a silicone series film on this wiring and a process exposed to oxidizing plasma within the same device, and forming silicon oxide of regular thickness. And it has that excitation frequency of oxidizing plasma contains an ingredient of 1 MHz or less.

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[0015]

[Example]Next, this invention is explained with reference to drawings. Drawing 1 is drawing of longitudinal section of the main part of the silicon oxidation film forming device used in the manufacturing method of the

semiconductor device of this invention.

[0016]In the reaction chamber 1 provided with the exhaust pipe 5, the lower electrode 2 and the upper electrode 3 are counter and formed, and the semiconductor substrate 10 is installed on the lower electrode 2 by which temperature control was carried out. Oxidizing gases, such as organic-materials gas, such as organic siloxane and halogen organicity Silang, and oxygen, or a steam, are introduced in the reaction chamber 1 from the upper electrode 3 which has the aperture 4 through the piping 6 and 7, respectively, and are exhausted from the exhaust pipe 5. RF generator 8 and the low frequency power source 9 are connected to the upper electrode 3 and the lower electrode 2, respectively.

[0017]Next, about the 1st example of this invention, order is explained later on with reference to drawings.

Drawing 2 (a) - (c) is a sectional view of the semiconductor chip for describing the 1st example of this invention.

[0018]As first shown in drawing 2 (a), after forming the silicon oxide 11 on the semiconductor substrate 10, the metallic wiring 12 which consists of aluminum etc. is formed. In next forming silicon oxide with a CVD method on this, the semiconductor substrate 10 is first installed on the lower electrode 2 of the device shown in drawing 1.

[0019]Next, 20sccm introduction of halogenation organicity Silang ( $\text{SiCl}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ), for example, the dichloro dimethylsilane, is carried out from the piping 6, and 50sccm introduction of the steam is carried out from the piping 7. The dimethylsiloxane film 14 is formed on the semiconductor substrate 10 by keeping [ the inside of the reaction chamber 1 ] the temperature of 10mTorr and a lower electrode for a pressure at 50 \*\*. Since a dimethylsiloxane film has surface tension as small as 20 dyn/cm, as shown in drawing 2 (a), it has the smooth surface. After forming the dimethylsiloxane film 13 about 100 nm thick, the piping 6 is closed, introduction of dichloro dimethylsilane is stopped, 60W is impressed by an RF generator and the electric power of 140W is impressed by a low frequency power source, respectively. 13.56 MHz is used as high frequency and 250 kHz is used as a low frequency wave.

[0020]By the plasma of the steam by which it is generated at this time, a dimethylsiloxane film oxidizes, and as shown in drawing 2 (b), it deteriorates in the silicon oxide 13A. So that 13.56 MHz may be used in order to raise oxygen radical density and to strengthen an oxidizing quality by [ of 10Torr ] generating plasma in high voltage comparatively, and the low frequency wave of 250 kHz may be mentioned later. It is for elaborating the silicon oxide 13A for ion energy by strength and ion bomber TOMETO. By the plasma of this steam, the dimethylsiloxane film 13 of 100 nm of thickness oxidizes thoroughly, and turns into the precise silicon oxide 13A. Next, RF generator 8 and the low frequency power source 9 are intercepted, the piping 6 is opened, dichloro dimethylsilane is introduced again, and the dimethylsiloxane film 14 is again formed on the silicon oxide 13A at a thickness of about 100 nm. By exposing to steam plasma succeeding, the dimethylsiloxane film 14 is deteriorated in precise silicon oxide.

[0021]Hereafter, by repeating oxidation by formation and steam plasma of a dimethylsiloxane film, as shown in drawing 2 (c), the precise silicon oxide 15 of predetermined thickness is obtained. Drawing 3 illustrates the temporal change of each parameter (a steam, dichloro dimethylsilane, electric power) of the silicon oxidation film formation mentioned above.

[0022]Film contraction of the silicon oxide which changed the frequency of the low frequency power source 9 impressed to the lower electrode 2, and formed it is shown in drawing 4. With film contraction, the difference of the thickness at the time of silicon oxidation film formation and the thickness after performing heat treatment for 30 minutes by a 900 \*\* nitrogen atmosphere is standardized by the thickness at the time of formation here. If film contraction generally exceeds 2%, hygroscopicity or moisture permeability increases, in the formation process of the metallic wiring of the upper layer of a next process, with the moisture from which it was desorbed, the upper metallic wiring will disconnect or short-circuit silicon oxide, and it will produce the serious problem for the manufacturing yield and reliability of a semiconductor device. According to drawing 4, the silicon oxide of the

precise membraneous quality of 2% or less of film contraction can be obtained by big ion energy by choosing 1 MHz or less as frequency of the power supply impressed to the lower electrode 2.

[0023]In the 1st example of the above, although a dimethylsiloxane film and plasma oxidation were repeated by turns for every 100-nm film formation and were performed, the thickness elaborated by ion bomber TOMETO depends this on being limited to a depth of about 100 nm from the surface. For this reason, by the method of applying and carrying out plasma oxidation of the silicone series film shown by the 1st conventional technology, the neighborhood of the surface remains for deteriorating in silicon oxide, and a problem which was mentioned above is produced.

[0024]It divides 100 nm at a time, and in order to perform film formation and oxidation in the 1st example in the reaction-of-identity interior of a room as compared with the method of applying and carrying out plasma oxidation of the silicone series film, it has the advantage that process time can be shortened substantially. By repeating by turns the adsorption and oxidizing plasma of the Silang radical which were shown by the 3rd conventional technology, As compared with the method of forming silicon oxide, this example has the advantage that a precise oxide film is obtained by the oxidizing plasma containing the advantage and the low-frequency component of 1 MHz or less that surface smooth nature is obtained, by using a silicone series film.

[0025]In the 1st example, although dichloro dimethylsilane was used as halogenation organicity Silang, the effect that dichloro diethylsilane and a dichloro diphenylsilane are also the same is acquired. The same effect is acquired even if it uses the mixture of halogenation organicity Silang and halogenation organic siloxane, for example, JIKURO dimethylsilane, and dichloro tetramethyl disiloxane.

[0026]Next, the 2nd example of this invention is described with reference to drawings. Drawing 5 shows the temporal change of each parameter of the silicon oxidation film formation for describing the 2nd example of this invention.

[0027]In the 2nd example, the 1st example uses the plasma polymerization of organic siloxane and oxygen to having used the polymerization by hydrolysis of halogenation organicity Silang as a formation method of the silicone series film by a CVD method.

[0028]That is, in drawing 1, it is organic siloxane, for example, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, from the after-installation piping 6 on the lower electrode 2 about the semiconductor substrate 10.  $[\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}]$  The electric power of 20W is made to impress to an upper electrode from a 13.56-MHz RF generator, and plasma is generated between an upper electrode and a lower electrode at the same time it introduces oxygen for  $_4$  in the reaction chamber 1 10 sccm from 20sccm and the piping 7, respectively. The pressure in the reaction chamber 1 sets the temperature of 10Torr and a lower electrode as 200 °. The organic siloxane which has various molecular weights in this plasma, for example, poly dimethylsiloxane, is generated, and a film is formed on the semiconductor substrate 10.

[0029]Thus, after forming in a thickness of about 100 nm the silicone series film represented by poly dimethylsiloxane, Introduction of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane is intercepted, an oxygen flow rate is set to 50sccm, and the electric power of 200W is simultaneously impressed to the lower electrode 2 for 60 seconds from a 250-kHz low frequency power source. As the 1st example was explained in full detail, a silicone series film deteriorates in precise silicon oxide by the plasma oxidation which has ion bomber TOMETO by this low frequency wave. Hereafter, by repeating formation and plasma oxidation of a silicone series film by turns, like the 1st example, it has the smooth surface and only arbitrary thickness forms the silicon oxide of precise membraneous quality.

[0030]Although octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane was used as organic siloxane in the 2nd example, The same effect is acquired even if it uses methyl siloxanes, such as hexamethyl cyclotrisiloxane, decamethyl cyclopentasiloxane, a hexamethyl siloxane, or octamethyl trisiloxane. Furthermore, ethyl siloxanes and phenyl siloxanes may be used.

If halogen organicity Silang represented by such organic siloxanes at dichloro dimethylsilane is mixed, a polymerization will be promoted, and it becomes possible to raise the membrane formation speed of a silicone series film.

[0031]As the 3rd example, it replaces with the oxygen used in the 2nd example, and a steam is used. Since an acceleration decomposition reaction is added to a plasma polymerization, the membrane formation speed of a silicone series film increases further, and productivity can be improved.

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deteriorated in precise silicon oxide.

[0021]Hereafter, by repeating oxidation by formation and steam plasma of a dimethylsiloxane film, as shown in drawing 2 (c), the precise silicon oxide 15 of predetermined thickness is obtained. Drawing 3 illustrates the temporal change of each parameter (a steam, dichloro dimethylsilane, electric power) of the silicon oxidation film formation mentioned above.

[0022]Film contraction of the silicon oxide which changed the frequency of the low frequency power source 9 impressed to the lower electrode 2, and formed it is shown in drawing 4. With film contraction, the difference of the thickness at the time of silicon oxidation film formation and the thickness after performing heat treatment for 30 minutes by a 900 ° nitrogen atmosphere is standardized by the thickness at the time of formation here. If film contraction generally exceeds 2%, hygroscopicity or moisture permeability increases, in the formation process of the metallic wiring of the upper layer of a next process, with the moisture from which it was desorbed, the upper metallic wiring will disconnect or short-circuit silicon oxide, and it will produce the serious problem for the manufacturing yield and reliability of a semiconductor device. According to drawing 4, the silicon oxide of the precise membranous quality of 2% or less of film contraction can be obtained by big ion energy by choosing 1 MHz or less as frequency of the power supply impressed to the lower electrode 2.

[0023]In the 1st example of the above, although a dimethylsiloxane film and plasma oxidation were repeated by turns for every 100-nm film formation and were performed, the thickness elaborated by ion bomber TOMETO depends this on being limited to a depth of about 100 nm from the surface. For this reason, by the method of applying and carrying out plasma oxidation of the silicone series film shown by the 1st conventional technology, the neighborhood of the surface remains for deteriorating in silicon oxide, and a problem which was mentioned above is produced.

[0024]It divides 100 nm at a time, and in order to perform film formation and oxidation in the 1st example in the reaction-of-identity interior of a room as compared with the method of applying and carrying out plasma oxidation of the silicone series film, it has the advantage that process time can be shortened substantially. By repeating by turns the adsorption and oxidizing plasma of the Silang radical which were shown by the 3rd conventional technology, As compared with the method of forming silicon oxide, this example has the advantage that a precise oxide film is obtained by the oxidizing plasma containing the advantage and the low-frequency component of 1 MHz or less that surface smooth nature is obtained, by using a silicone series film.

[0025]In the 1st example, although dichloro dimethylsilane was used as halogenation organicity Silang, the effect that dichloro diethylsilane and a dichloro diphenylsilane are also the same is acquired. The same effect is acquired even if it uses the mixture of halogenation organicity Silang and halogenation organic siloxane, for example, JIKURO dimethylsilane, and dichloro tetramethyl disiloxane.

[0026]Next, the 2nd example of this invention is described with reference to drawings. Drawing 5 shows the temporal change of each parameter of the silicon oxidation film formation for describing the 2nd example of this invention.

[0027]In the 2nd example, the 1st example uses the plasma polymerization of organic siloxane and oxygen to having used the polymerization by hydrolysis of halogenation organicity Silang as a formation method of the silicone series film by a CVD method.

[0028]That is, in drawing 1, it is organic siloxane, for example, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, from the after-installation piping 6 on the lower electrode 2 about the semiconductor substrate 10.  $[\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}]$  The electric power of 20W is made to impress to an upper electrode from a 13.56-MHz RF generator, and plasma is generated between an upper electrode and a lower electrode at the same time it introduces oxygen for  $\text{O}_2$  in the reaction chamber 1 10 sccm from 20sccm and the piping 7, respectively. The pressure in the reaction chamber 1 sets the temperature of 10Torr and a lower electrode as 200 °. The organic siloxane which has various molecular

weights in this plasma, for example, poly dimethylsiloxane, is generated, and a film is formed on the semiconductor substrate 10.

[0029] Thus, after forming in a thickness of about 100 nm the silicone series film represented by poly dimethylsiloxane, introduction of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane is intercepted, an oxygen flow rate is set to 50sccm, and the electric power of 200W is simultaneously impressed to the lower electrode 2 for 60 seconds from a 250-kHz low frequency power source. As the 1st example was explained in full detail, a silicone series film deteriorates in precise silicon oxide by the plasma oxidation which has ion bombardment by this low frequency wave. Hereafter, by repeating formation and plasma oxidation of a silicone series film by turns, like the 1st example, it has the smooth surface and only arbitrary thickness forms the silicon oxide of precise membrane quality.

[0030] Although octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane was used as organic siloxane in the 2nd example, the same effect is acquired even if it uses methyl siloxanes, such as hexamethyl cyclotrisiloxane, decamethyl cyclopentasiloxane, a hexamethyl siloxane, or octamethyl trisiloxane. Furthermore, ethyl siloxanes and phenyl siloxanes may be used. If halogen organicity is mixed represented by such organic siloxanes at dichloro dimethylsilane is mixed, a polymerization will be promoted, and it becomes possible to raise the membrane formation speed of a silicone series film.

[0031] As the 3rd example, it replaces with the oxygen used in the 2nd example, and a steam is used. Since an acceleration decomposition reaction is added to a plasma polymerization, the membrane formation speed of a silicone series film increases further, and productivity can be improved.

[0032] As the 4th example, in the 1st example, it precedes forming a silicone series film and the semiconductor substrate 10 is exposed to the plasma of nitrogen gas. The temporal change of each parameter of silicon oxidation film formation is shown in drawing 6. It precedes forming a silicone series film, power supply power is set to 200W by setting  $N_2$  flow to 100sccm, and it exposes for 10 seconds. After nitriding [ this processing / the surface of the silicon oxide 11 in drawing 2 (a) ], and it hydrophobizes. For this reason, the advantage that the wettability of a silicone series film (for example, dimethylsiloxane film 13) improves, and surface smoothness improves further is produced. Ammonia gas or those mixed gas besides nitrogen gas may be used.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

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### [Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1]The lineblock diagram of the main part of the device used in the example of this invention.

[Drawing 2]The sectional view of the semiconductor chip for describing the 1st example of this invention.

[Drawing 3]The figure showing the change to the time of each parameter for describing the 1st example of this invention.

[Drawing 4]The figure showing the relation between contraction of silicon oxide, and the frequency of a low frequency wave.

[Drawing 5]The figure showing the change to the time of each parameter for describing the 2nd example of this invention.

[Drawing 6]The figure showing the change to the time of each parameter for describing the 3rd example of this invention.

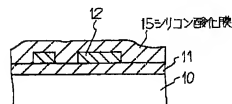
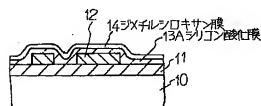
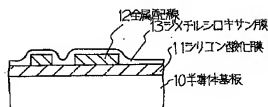
[Drawing 7]The sectional view of the semiconductor chip for explaining an example of the conventional semiconductor device.

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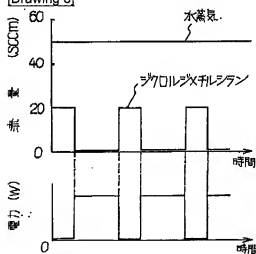
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  - 2 Lower electrode
  - 3 Upper electrode
  - 4 Aperture
  - 5 Exhaust pipe
  - 6 and 7 Piping
  - 8 RF generator
  - 9 Low frequency power source
  - 10 Semiconductor substrate
  - 11 Silicon oxide
  - 12 Metallic wiring
  - 13 and 14 Dimethylsiloxane film
  - 13A, 15 silicon oxide
  - 20 Silicone series film
  - 21 Silicon oxide
  - 22 Photoresist film
  - 23 Contact hole
  - 24 Silicon oxide of sparse membraneous quality
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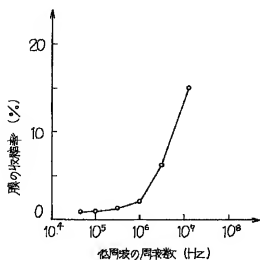




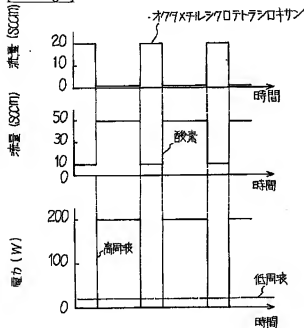
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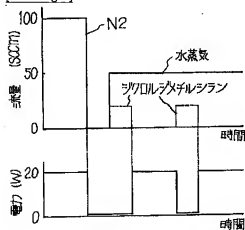
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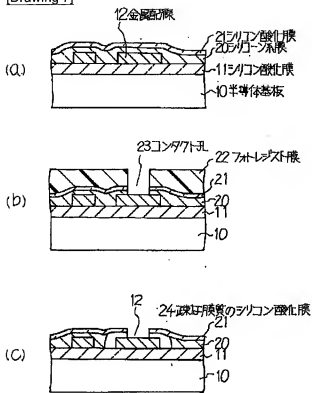
[Drawing 5]



[Drawing 6]



[Drawing 7]



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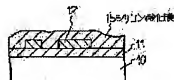
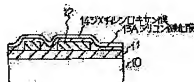
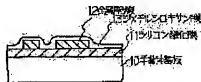
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## (54) MANUFACTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

### (57)Abstract:

**PURPOSE:** To form a silicon oxide film having a smooth surface and a minute film quality.

**CONSTITUTION:** On the surface of a semiconductor substrate 10 whereon a metallic wiring 12 is formed, a dimethylsiloxane film 13 is formed. Thereafter, this process and the process wherein the surface of the semiconductor substrate 10 is exposed to an oxidizing plasma are repeated alternately in a single equipment, and thereby, a silicon oxide film 15 is formed on the surface of the semiconductor substrate 10. Hereupon, the excitation frequency of the oxidizing plasma is forced to include the frequency components not higher than 1MHz, and thereby, the silicon oxide film 15 is made to have a compact film quality.



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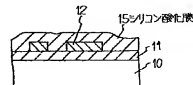
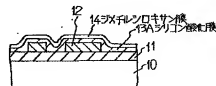
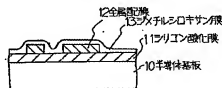
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(54) 【発明の名称】 半導体装置の製造方法

(57) 【要約】

【目的】 平滑な表面を有し、且つ緻密な膜質のシリコン酸化膜を形成する。

【構成】 金属配線12が形成された半導体基板10の表面にジメチルシロキサン膜13を形成したのち酸性ブラズマにさらす工程とを同一装置内で交互に繰り返して、半導体基板表面にシリコン酸化膜15を形成する。ここで、酸性ブラズマの励起周波数が1MHz以下の成分を含ませることにより、シリコン酸化膜15は緻密な膜質となる。





## 【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 半導体基板上に配線を形成する工程と、該配線を含む全面にCVD法によりシリコン系膜を形成する工程と酸化性プラズマにさらしシリコン系膜をシリコン酸化膜に変える工程とを同一装置内で交互に繰り返して規定の厚さのシリコン酸化膜を形成する工程とを含むことを特徴とする半導体装置の製造方法。

【請求項2】 前記酸化性プラズマの励起周波数が1MHz以下の成分を含む請求項1記載の半導体装置の製造方法。

【請求項3】 ハロゲン化有機シランまたはハロゲン化有機シロキサンまたは有機シロキサンの少くとも1つと水蒸気とを含む減圧下でシリコン系膜を形成する請求項1記載の半導体装置の製造方法。

【請求項4】 有機シロキサンと水蒸気とを含むガスのプラズマ雰囲気下でシリコン系膜を形成する請求項1記載の半導体装置の製造方法。

【請求項5】 有機シロキサンと酸素を含むガスのプラズマ雰囲気下でシリコン系膜を形成する請求項1記載の半導体装置の製造方法。

【請求項6】 前記シリコン系膜を形成する工程に先立って、同一装置内で酸素を含むガスのプラズマ雰囲気下で前記半導体基板をさらす請求項1記載の半導体装置の製造方法。

## 【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】 本発明は半導体装置の製造方法に関し、特にシリコン酸化膜の形成方法に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】 近年、半導体装置においては高集積化、高速化を目的として2層以上の金属配線が用いられている。これらの金属配線層の層間絶縁膜としては、一般にシリコン酸化膜が用いられるが、金属配線の微細化、高アスペクト比化に伴って、次工程以降の金属配線加工工程を容易にするために平滑な表面を有する絶縁膜が要求されている。

【0003】 従来、このような平滑な表面を有するシリコン酸化膜の形成方法として、特開平1-130535号公報に示されているシリコンと有機基を含むシロキサン等のシリコン膜の塗布およびプラズマ酸化による方法がある。この第1の従来技術は、シリコン系膜形成用塗布液を半導体基板上にスピン塗布し、150℃未満の温度でシリコン系膜を形成する。引き続いて、誘導結合型プラズマ処理装置に半導体基板を導入し、酸素プラズマにさらすことにより、シリコン系膜の表面をシリコン酸化膜に改質するものである。

【0004】 第2の従来技術としては、ナインティーン コンファレンス オン ソリッド ステート デバイセス アンド マテリアルズ (the 19th Conference on Solid State

Devices and Materials) P451に示されているように、テトラメチルシランと酸素プラズマとから形成する方法がある。この第2の従来技術は、半導体基板を反応室に設置し、半導体基板表面にテトラメチルシランと酸素プラズマのアフタグローを導入して反応させることにより、ヘキサメチルジシロキサンに代表される流動性を有するシロキサン膜が形成される。

【0005】 第2の従来技術と同様のものとして、シランと酸素プラズマを-110℃に冷却された半導体基板表面に導入して、流動性を有するシリコン酸化物系膜を形成する第3の従来技術の例が第38回応用物理学関係連合講演会予稿集 (1991年) P633に示されている。

【0006】 また第4の従来技術として、1991年VMIC コンファレンス (1991VMIC Conference) P435に、テトラエトキシランと水蒸気をバルス状プラズマを励起させることによりシロキサンを合成し、半導体基板表面に輸送してシロキサン膜を形成する方法が示されている。

【0007】 更に第5の従来技術として、プラズマ励起されたシランガスを半導体基板表面に導入し、シランジカル (SiHx) を半導体表面に吸着させる工程と、引き続いてプラズマ励起された酸素ガスを半導体基板表面に導入して酸化する工程とを同一装置内で繰り返してシリコン酸化膜を形成する方法が、ザ トウェンティファースト コンファレンス オン ソリッド ステート デバイセス アンド マテリアルズ (the 21st Conference on Solid State Devices and Materials) P49に示されている。

【0008】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】 上述した従来技術による絶縁膜を金属配線層の層間絶縁膜に適用する場合、次のような種々の困難を生ずる。

【0009】 第1の従来技術の例を金属配線層の層間絶縁膜に適用した場合について図7を用いて説明する。図7(a)に示すように、Si等の半導体基板10上にシリコン酸化膜11を介してA1等からなる金属配線12を形成する。次でこの上にシリコン系膜20を形成したのちその表面を誘導結合型プラズマ処理を行ない、改質されたシリコン酸化膜21を形成する。次に図7(b)に示すように、所定の位置に開口部を有するフォトリソ膜22をマスクとし、ドライエッチング法によってコンタクト孔23を形成する。次で図7(c)に示すように、フォトリソ膜22を酸素プラズマによって除去する。この時コンタクト孔23の側面のシリコン系膜20が酸素プラズマによって酸化され、疎な膜質のシリコン酸化膜24に変質する。この疎な膜質のシリコン酸化膜24は吸湿性が高い為、大気中の水分を吸収し、

引き続いて、上層の金属配線層を形成する際、吸収されたこの水分のアウトガスによって上層の金属配線に断線を生じさせたり、コンタクト抵抗の増大を招くという問題があった。

【0010】また、第2の従来技術の例においては、テトラメチルシランと酸素との反応が $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ という低温で行なわれる、シリコン酸化物の結合が十分でなく、膜質が疎となる。これを金属配線層の層間絶縁膜に適用する場合、形成されたシリコン被膜は後工程の熱処理、例えば $400^{\circ}\text{C}$ において膜収縮が起りクラックを生じる。このクラックはその上に金属配線を形成する際、断線或は短絡を引き起こすという問題があった。

【0011】第3および第4の従来技術の例においても、低温で膜堆積を行なう為、第2の従来技術の場合と同様にクラックを生じるという問題があった。

【0012】さらに第5の従来技術の例においては、シランラジカルに流動性が無い為、平滑な表面が得られないという欠点がある。また酸化反応に酸素プラズマのアフターグローを用いるため、ガス分子のイオンエネルギーが小さく、形成されたシリコン酸化膜の膜質が疎となり、第2の従来技術の例と同様に、密着性の熱工程においてクラックを生じるという問題があった。

【0013】

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明の半導体装置の製造方法は、半導体基板上に配線を形成する工程と、この配線上にシリコン系膜を形成する工程と酸化性プラズマにさらす工程とを同一装置内で交互に繰り返して規定の厚さのシリコン酸化膜を形成する工程を備えている。そして、酸化性プラズマの励起周波数が $1\text{MHz}$ 以下の成分を含むことを備えている。

【0014】また前記シリコン系被膜を、ハロゲン有機シランまたはハロゲン化有機シリコンまたは有機シリコンの少くとも1つと水蒸気を含む減圧下、または有機シリコンと水蒸気を含むガスのプラズマ雰囲気中、または有機シリコンと酸素を含むガスのプラズマ雰囲気中でそれぞれ形成するものである。

【0015】

【実施例】次に本発明について、図面を参照して説明する。図1は本発明の半導体装置の製造方法において用いられるシリコン酸化膜形成装置の主要部分の縦断面図である。

【0016】排気管5を備えた反応室1内には下部電極2と上部電極3が対向して設けられ、半導体基板10は、温度制御された下部電極2の上に設置される。有機シリコン、ハロゲン有機シラン等の有機材料ガス及び酸素または水蒸気等の酸化性ガスはそれぞれ配管6、7を通過して開口部4を有する上部電極3から反応室1内に導入され、排気管5より排気される。上部電極3および下部電極2にはそれぞれ高周波電源8および低周波電源9が接続されている。

【0017】次に本発明の第1の実施例について、図面を参照して順を追って説明する。図2(a)～(e)は本発明の第1の実施例を説明するための半導体チップの断面図である。

【0018】まず図2(a)に示すように、半導体基板10の上にシリコン酸化膜11を形成したのちA1等からなる金属配線12を形成する。次でこの上にCVD法によりシリコン酸化膜を形成するに当たり、まず半導体基板10を図1に示した装置の下部電極2上に設置する。

【0019】次に、配管6からハロゲン化有機シラン、例えばジクロルジメチルシラン( $\text{SiCl}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2$ )を $20\text{scm}$ 導入し、配管7から水蒸気を $50\text{scm}$ 導入する。反応室1内を圧力を $10\text{mTorr}$ 、下部電極の温度を $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ に保つことにより、半導体基板10上にジメチルシリコン膜14を形成する。ジメチルシリコン膜は表面張力が $20\text{dyn/cm}$ と小さい為、図2(a)に示したように、平滑な表面を有する。厚さ約 $100\text{nm}$ のジメチルシリコン膜13を形成した後、配管6を開いてジクロルジメチルシランの導入を止め、高周波電源で $60\text{W}$ 、低周波電源で $140\text{W}$ の電力をそれぞれ印加する。高周波としては例えば $13$ 、 $56\text{MHz}$ 、低周波としては $250\text{KHz}$ を用いる。

【0020】この時発生する水蒸気のプラズマによってジメチルシリコン膜は酸化されて、図2(b)に示すように、シリコン酸化膜13Aに変質する。 $13$ 、 $56\text{MHz}$ を用いるのは $10\text{Torr}$ という比較的高圧でプラズマを発生させることにより酸素ラジカル密度を高めて酸化性を強める為であり、 $250\text{KHz}$ という低周波は、後述するように、イオンエネルギーを強め、イオンボンバートメントによってシリコン酸化膜13Aを緻密化する為である。この水蒸気のプラズマによって膜厚 $100\text{nm}$ のジメチルシリコン膜13は完全に酸化され、緻密なシリコン酸化膜13Aとなる。次に、高周波電源8及び低周波電源9をそれぞれ断し、配管6を開いて再びジクロルジメチルシランを導入しシリコン酸化膜13Aの上に再びジメチルシリコン膜14を約 $100\text{nm}$ の厚さに形成する。引き続き水蒸気プラズマにさらすことにより、ジメチルシリコン膜14を緻密なシリコン酸化膜に変質する。

【0021】以下、ジメチルシリコン膜の形成と水蒸気プラズマによる酸化を繰り返すことにより、図2(c)に示すように、所定の膜厚の緻密なシリコン酸化膜15を得る。図3は上述したシリコン酸化膜形成の各パラメータ(水蒸気、ジクロルジメチルシラン、電力)の時間変化を図示したものである。

【0022】下部電極2に印加する低周波電源9の周波数を変化させて形成したシリコン酸化膜の膜厚率を図4に示す。ここで膜厚率とは、シリコン酸化膜形成時の膜厚と、 $900^{\circ}\text{C}$ で窒素雰囲気中で30分間の熱処理を行なった後の膜厚の差を形成時の膜厚で規格化したもので

ある。一般に膜収縮率が2%を超えるとシリコン酸化膜は吸湿性あるいは透過性が高まり、次工程の上層の金属配線の形成工程において、脱離した水分によって上層の金属配線が断線或は短絡し半導体装置の製造歩留り及び信頼性に重大な問題を生じる。図4によれば、下部電極2に印加する電源の周波数として1MHz以下を選択することにより、大きなイオンエネルギーによって、膜収縮率2%以下の緻密な膜質のシリコン酸化膜を得ることができる。

【0023】なお、上記第1の実施例においては、10  
 ジメチルシロキサン膜とプラズマ酸化を100nmの膜形成毎に交互に繰り返して行なったが、これはイオンボンパ  
 ーメントによって緻密化される膜厚が、表面から100nm程度の深さに限定されることによる。この為、第1の従来技術で示したシリコン系膜を塗布しプラズマ酸化する方法では、表面近傍がシリコン酸化膜に変質することになり、前述したような問題を生じる。

【0024】また、100nmずつ分けて、シリコン系膜を塗布し、プラズマ酸化する方法に比較して本第1の実施例では、同一反応室内で膜形成と酸化を行なう  
 20 為、プロセス時間を大幅に短縮できるという利点がある。また、第3の従来技術で示したシランラジカルの吸着と酸化性プラズマを交互に繰り返すことにより、シリコン酸化膜を形成する方法に比較して本実施例はシリコン系膜を用いることにより表面の平滑性が得られるという利点および1MHz以下の低周波成分を含む酸化性プラズマによって緻密な酸化膜が得られるという利点を有している。

【0025】なお、第1の実施例においては、ハロゲン  
 30 化有機シランとしてジクロロジメチルシランを用いたが、ジクロロジエチルシランやジクロロジフェニルシラン等でも同様の効果が得られる。さらに、ハロゲン化有機シランとハロゲン化有機シロキサンとの混合物、例えばジクロロジメチルシランとジクロロテトラメチルジシロキサンを用いても同様の効果が得られる。

【0026】次に本発明の第2の実施例について、図面を参照して説明する。図5は本発明第2の実施例を説明するためのシリコン酸化膜形成の各パラメータの時間変化を示したものである。

【0027】第1の実施例がCVD法によるシリコン  
 40 系膜の形成方法としてハロゲン化有機シランの加水分解による重合を用いたのに対し、本第2の実施例においては、有機シロキサンと酸素のプラズマ重合を用いる。

【0028】即ち、図1において半導体基板10を下部電極2上に設置後配管6から有機シロキサン、例えばオクタメチルシクロテトラシロキサン[Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O]<sub>4</sub>を20sccm、配管7から酸素を10sccmそれぞれ反応室1内に入導すると同時に、上部電極に13.56MHzの高周波電源から20Wの電力を印加させ上部電極と下部電極間にプラズマを発生させる。反応  
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室1内の圧力は10Torr、下部電極の温度は200℃に設定する。このプラズマ内において種々の分子量を有する有機シロキサン、例えばポリジメチルシロキサンが生成され、半導体基板10上に膜が形成される。

【0029】このようにしてポリジメチルシロキサンに代表されるシリコン系膜を約100nmの厚さに形成したのち、オクタメチルシクロテトラシロキサンの導入を止し、酸素流量を50sccmにし、同時に下部電極2に250KHzの低周波電源から200Wの電力を60秒間印加する。第1の実施例において詳述したように、この低周波によるイオンボンパ  
 ーメントを有するプラズマ酸化によって、シリコン系膜は緻密なシリコン酸化膜に変質する。以下、シリコン系膜の形成とプラズマ酸化を交互に繰り返すことにより、第1の実施例と同様に、平滑な表面を有し、且つ緻密な膜質のシリコン酸化膜を任意の膜厚だけ形成する。

【0030】本第2の実施例において有機シロキサンとしてオクタメチルシクロテトラシロキサンを用いたが、ヘキサメチルシクロトリシロキサン、デカメチルシクロペンタシロキサン、ヘキサメチルシロキサンまたはオクタメチルトリシロキサン等有機シロキサン類を用いても同様の効果が得られる。さらにエチルシロキサン類やフェニルシロキサン類を用いても良い。これらの有機シロキサン類にジクロロジメチルシランに代表されるハロゲン有機シロキサンを混合すると重合が促進され、シリコン系膜の成膜速度を高めることが可能となる。

【0031】第3の実施例としては、第2の実施例において用いた酸素に代えて水蒸気を用いる。加圧分解反応がプラズマ重合に加わるため、さらにシリコン系膜の成膜速度が高まり、生産性を高めることができる。

【0032】第4の実施例としては、第1の実施例において、シリコン系膜を形成するに先立って、窒素ガスのプラズマに半導体基板10をさらすものである。図6にシリコン酸化膜形成の各パラメータの時間変化を示す。シリコン系膜を形成するに先立って、N<sub>2</sub>流量を100sccm、電源パワーを200Wとして10秒間さらす。この処理により図2(a)におけるシリコン酸化膜11の表面が酸化され、疎水性化する。このため、シリコン系膜（例えばジメチルシロキサン膜13）のぬれ性が向上し、表面平滑性がさらに向上するという利点を生じる。窒素ガスの他、アンモニアガス或はそれらの混合ガスを用いても良い。

【0033】

【発明の効果】以上説明したように本発明は、配線が形成された半導体基板上にシリコン系膜を形成し、酸化性プラズマにさらす工程とを同一装置内で繰り返す、且つ、酸化性プラズマの励起電源に1MHz以下の成分を含ませてシリコン酸化膜を形成することにより、平滑な表面を有し、緻密な膜質のシリコン酸化膜を形成することができる。この結果、次工程の熱処理工程でシリコン

酸化膜にクラックが発生することがなくなるため、上層の金属配線を形成してもコンタクト抵抗が増大することがなくなり、半導体装置の製造歩留り及び信頼性が大幅に向上するという大きな効果を有する。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明の実施例で用いられる装置の主要部分の構成図。

【図2】本発明の第1の実施例を説明するための半導体チップの断面図。

【図3】本発明の第1の実施例を説明するための各バラメータの時間に対する変化を示す図。

【図4】シリコン酸化膜の収縮率と低周波の周波数との関係を示す図。

【図5】本発明の第2の実施例を説明するための各バラメータの時間に対する変化を示す図。

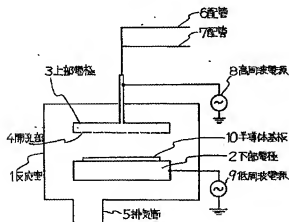
【図6】本発明の第3の実施例を説明するための各バラメータの時間に対する変化を示す図。

【図7】従来の半導体装置の一例を説明するための半導体チップの断面図。

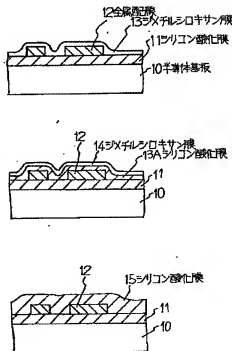
【符号の説明】

- 1 反応室
- 2 下部電極
- 3 上部電極
- 4 開口部
- 5 排気管
- 6, 7 配管
- 8 高周波電源
- 9 低周波電源
- 10 半導体基板
- 11 シリコン酸化膜
- 12 金属配線
- 13, 14 ジメチルシロキサン膜
- 13A, 15 シリコン酸化膜
- 20 シリコン系膜
- 21 シリコン酸化膜
- 22 フォトリソレジスト膜
- 23 コンタクト孔
- 24 疎な膜質のシリコン酸化膜

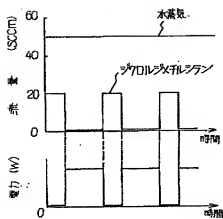
【図1】



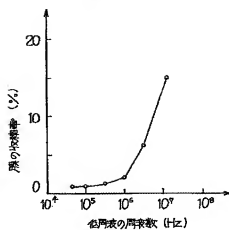
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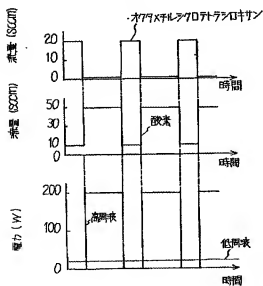
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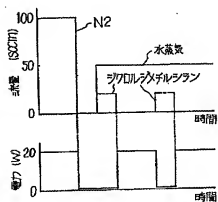
【図4】



【図5】



【図6】



【図7】

